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April 16, 1997

The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Room 844
Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong,

I am writing to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I write as Head of School of West Nottingham Academy, an independent boarding and day school.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital, as is your inclusion of Internet Service Provider costs. This plan is essential for preparing the work force of tomorrow.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Baker
Head of School

Gateway School District

DR. WAYNE W. DOYLE/Superintendent

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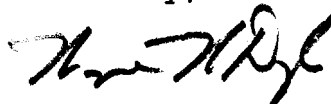
Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

On May 8, 1997, when you vote on the FCC Federal State Joint Boards recommendation to provide significant discounts for all telecommunications services including connections within each classroom, you will have the opportunity to guarantee that all students have an equal opportunity to benefit from our nations technological advancements. This will prove to be a major step in the efforts to prepare students for their future in which 60% of the jobs will require computer skills.

As a school superintendent, I can assure you that the proposed discounts would provide a major thrust to our efforts to integrate technology into the curriculum. We are committed to providing our students with the computer skills that business demand and that our workforce will need to maintain our competitiveness in a global economy.

I encourage you to support the plan to provide discounts to schools for all telecommunications services including internal connections. This action will open the door of opportunity for every student in our country and help to prepare our workforce of the future.

Sincerely,



Wayne W. Doyle
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

I am the Superintendent of Hanford Elementary School District, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and educational agencies will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

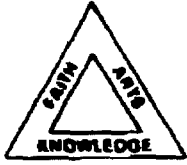
The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities for our students. The \$2.25 billion a year will help address the needs of our schools, and most importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom, into the hands of students. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing our youngsters for the future. We have just completed our plans to wire all nine of our schools and the district services facilities, so we are in an excellent position to take advantage of this proposal. It will assist us in completing our plans much sooner than we originally anticipated.

Schools need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year in order to provide Internet access to all of our students. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools. It is the only way we will be able to ensure equitable access to information.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Joe Simas, Superintendent



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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am Lois M. Nichols, Director of Technology at Holy Trinity Day School in Bowie, Maryland, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

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Our school needs inexpensive access to the internet so that we may prepare our students for the future in an information rich society. They must have access to this information and be taught how to manage and use it correctly. Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Lois M. Nichols, Ph.D.
Director of Technology

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am Director of Student Services from Paramount Unified School District in the City of Paramount, California, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

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Our District's Technology Use Plan provides the opportunities for students, teachers, and parents to access to the Information Superhighway for distance learning, teaching strategies, college planning, and guidance information.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support of the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (562) 602-6028.

Sincerely,

E.J. Harcharik, Director
Student Services

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RE: CC Docket 96-45 - Universal Service to Libraries/ Schools

Dear Honorable Chong:

I strongly support meaningful discounts for libraries and schools, as envisioned by the Federal-State Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

These Rules allow for discounted telecommunication and critical non-telecommunication services necessary to keep all public libraries and schools connected to the internet and other on-line resources. These services are sometimes, in our small towns, the only access many people have.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 clearly intended broad access, but without significant discounts, the schools and library in Georgetown will not be able to purchase the internal wiring for connection.

The Joint Board also recommended wide competition for the discounted service. Telecommunication and non-telco carriers should be encouraged to vie for business throughout the state, rural or urban, to keep user costs down.

Thank you for your attention to this matter on behalf of our library and schools. Feel free to advise if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,



Linda Davidson, Librarian
Georgetown Public Library

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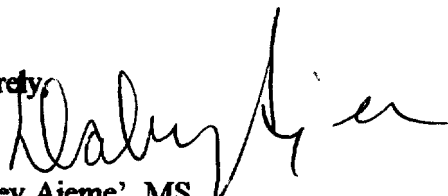
Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am an Educational Diagnostician from Conroe Independent School District, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

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Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,



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Educational Diagnostician

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Dear Commissioner Chong:


As Superintendent of the Ocean City Public Schools, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow. The discounts will allow our district to utilize our funds for further expansion of technology to every student.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

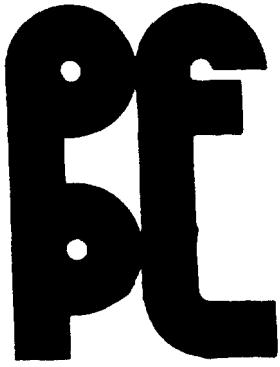
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Donald E. Dearborn, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Re: CC Docket 96-45 - Universal Service to Libraries and Schools

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for libraries and schools as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

The Recommended Rules allow libraries and schools significant discounts for the telecommunications and critical, non-telecommunications services necessary to assure that all of our public libraries and schools are connected to the Internet and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn and work in an increasingly information-driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of insuring that libraries and schools would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of poorer schools and libraries that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with the Internet. By allowing telecommunications companies and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse urban and rural areas of the State.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our libraries and schools – and – ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone.

Yours truly,

Barbara L. Flynn
Administrative Librarian

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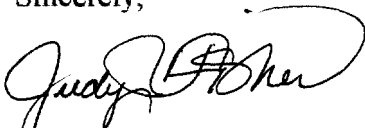
Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a classroom teacher from Carthage, MO, School District, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Judy Fisher

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a classroom teacher from University City, MO, Public Schools, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

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Julie Oyen

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I am a classroom teacher from Springfield, MO, Public Schools, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

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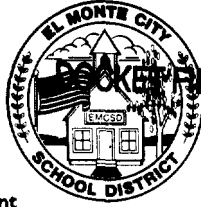
Sincerely,



Chuck Catlin

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am superintendent of the El Monte City School District, and would like to thank you for your efforts in making access to the Information Superhighway a reality for all school districts and educational consortia.


The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

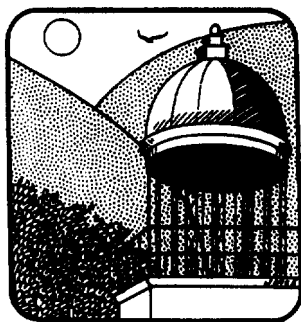
The deep discounts will allow this school district to link not only every school and media center to the Internet, but also to link every classroom more rapidly than we have previous imagined. The savings would allow us to add classroom linkages on an on-going basis until every classroom in this district is linked and every child has access to the rich resources of the Internet.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for services to schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jeff Seymour, District Superintendent



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El Tejon Unified School District

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District Superintendent

El Tejon School

Frazier Mountain
High School

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from El Tejon Unified School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Connor
President, Board of Trustees



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Dear Commissioner Chong,

I am a locally elected school board member from the Mariposa County Unified School District in California. Our district covers 1,455 square miles and has thirteen schools. Rural schools like ours have few dollars and no corporate support. Our businesses are Mom and Pop in ownership and we have no industry other than tourism. Our students have little or no access to libraries. We need your support of the E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan is the only way my students will have access to the internet and the ability to keep up with inner-city and urban students.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately needed by all students and overdue in rural areas. I beseech you to fully support the Joint Boards recommendations for our kids.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly,

Bob Bartholomew
Board of Trustees and Education



Montana Education Association

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

On behalf of the 10,000 members of the Montana Education Association, I am writing in support of the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendation that would provide meaningful discounts on telecommunications services for schools and libraries so every student can have affordable access to the world of information technology. The Universal Services Fund provision of the Telecommunication Act mandates the development of special discounts for all schools and libraries so they can secure the services at affordable prices.

Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with technology they will need to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

The Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service made a unanimous recommendation for the implementation of the Universal Services Fund provisions related to schools and libraries. These recommendations would give our schools in Montana significant discounts on all services, with deep discounts for those schools and libraries least able to pay and most expensive to service. All schools would get discounts on connections to classrooms and Internet connectivity, both of which are essential to providing the most advanced learning opportunities to the greatest number of students.

We cannot afford to have our schools become segregated into technology "haves" and the technology "have-nots." We need to prepare all of our children for the future.

I ask for your support of the Joint Board's recommendations. These provisions will make advanced technology for learning available to all Americans.

Sincerely,

Eric Feaver, President
Montana Education Association



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Student Services

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RICHLAND - LERDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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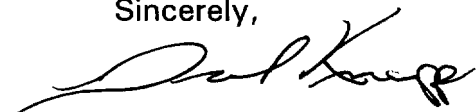
I am writing to you regarding the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am the superintendent of the Richland-Lerdo School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations regarding its implementation.

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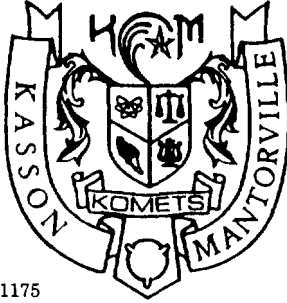
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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Daniel L. Knapp, Ph.D.
District Superintendent



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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner,

I am a superintendent from the Kasson-Mantorville School District in southeastern Minnesota. I appreciate your work in ensuring that all school districts and educational facilities will be able to afford access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the chance to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs and bring services directly to the students in the classroom. The plan which includes internal classroom connections for discounts is essential.

The discount would be able to free up enough dollars for line charges to allow Kasson-Mantorville to utilize the extra dollars for staff development opportunities in technology.

Our students need these discounts for the telecommunication services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for service to all schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Donald F. Groth
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April 17, 1997

The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
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RE: CC Docket No 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong: :

I am the Board Secretary from the New Castle Area School District in Pennsylvania and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

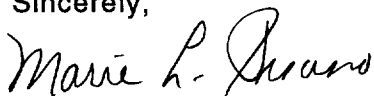
The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

With this discount, we would be able to purchase new adoptions of textbooks which have repeatedly been cut from our local budget. Western Pennsylvania has been extremely hard hit and our school has lost \$13,000,000 of tax base in the last ten years and we rank ninth in the Commonwealth for local tax effort.

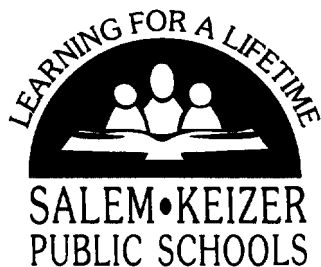
Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Miss Marie L. Pisano
Board Secretary



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RE: CC Docket No. 96-15

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am the school board chair for Salem-Keizer Public Schools in Salem, Oregon. I want to thank you for your support of funds for Internet access in schools.

The Telecommunications Act and Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools in our district will be able to enjoy the Internet's features, including distance learning. The over \$2 billion a year in the plan bring this technology directly into the classroom.

With the deep discounts your plan supports, we will be able to wire more computers in more schools faster, allowing for more opportunities for our students to be educated as the workforce of tomorrow.

Our district's mission says in part that each of our students will have "the essential knowledge, skills and attitudes" to be "a contributing citizen and productive worker in a changing and increasingly diverse world." I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries to help us with our mission and make Internet access a reality for today's students.

Sincerely,

Neva Hutchinson, Chairperson
Salem-Keizer Public Schools

Tracie T. McIntyre
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April 16, 1997

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RE: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a parent from *Blessed Sacrament* school diocese and would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly into the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital to this process. This plan is also essential in preparing our students for Workforce 2000.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's Discount plan for universal services to schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tracie T. McIntyre
Parent



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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am the Business Manager of the Dover Area School District, Dover, Pennsylvania and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

As our student enrollment expands in our community, we are faced with the difficult task of meeting tomorrow's needs with today's cash. We are a rural bedroom community, that borders a very industrial area. Our local support is residence property taxes. We have developed a financial/strategic plan that incorporates technology for uses such as distance learning, developing kiosks for use by residents, year round use of facilities exploration, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Denise L. Russell
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Hundt:

I am a teacher from Woodlake Elementary School in St. Tammany Parish, Mandeville, Louisiana and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools and poorest school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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